



NEW LONDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Members of the New London School Community,

I am writing to provide an update on the efforts of our team to continue to support the children and families during this challenging time. I am truly grateful for the voices we have heard regarding the ways we can build better communication strategies and trust across the New London community. We acknowledge the upset and disruption that the recent events have caused, and we are looking forward to collaborating on our journey to healing. We will continue to be open to and evaluate the ways in which we can improve and best support the success of children in the New London School District.

Our most recent community conversations revealed both challenges and opportunities for us to move forward. We recognize and are committing to ongoing connections with families. Your voice matters and your ideas matter. We will continue to host regularly scheduled gatherings across the district to pull people together. Some of the events will be guided conversations and others will be family-friendly, fun activities. These will take place within our buildings and in various community locations. Below are the planned activities for the remainder of May.

May 22, 2019 – 5:00 – 6:00 PM Central Office Conference Room A

Topic: Where Do We Go from Here: What do we need, what do we want, and what can we do to move our community forward?

May 24, 2019 – 6:00 – 8:00 PM Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School

Topic: Family Game Night: Let's get together, eat some food and have some fun.

I also want to acknowledge there is a community-member sponsored event, which will be held Thursday, May 16th at The Garde Arts Center. I, myself, have committed to another event taking place at this same time prior to receiving an invitation to this one. In my absence, I have assigned Randi R. McCray and other members of my team to be present, supportive, and actively engaged in the conversation. Your feedback and insight continue to be valuable in driving community conversations. If there are specific questions you hope to have answered, please email them to me (ritchiec@newlondon.org) and Randi McCray (Mccravr@newlondon.org) prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday and we will work to contribute collaboratively to the event.

Again, I cannot begin to express the deep gratitude I have for such a wonderful community. I am honored to lead the district as we share in a variety of emotions and as we work to address the needs of families and ensure the success of our children.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Ritchie
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